

September 21, 2007

Hon. Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Attorney General
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Attention: Ms. Toni Melton
Initiative Secretary

Dear Attorney General Brown:

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9005, we have reviewed the proposed initiative entitled "Healthy Californians Act" (A.G. File No. 07-0047). This measure would amend the State Constitution to add affordable health care to the inalienable rights of people.

Background

The Constitution currently provides that all people are by nature free and independent, and have certain inalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty; acquiring, possessing, and protecting property; and pursuing and obtaining safety, happiness, and privacy.

Proposal

This measure amends the Constitution to add affordable health care to the inalienable rights of people.

Fiscal Effect

This measure would have no direct fiscal effect on the state. However, the measure could result in indeterminable state or local government costs depending on how it is interpreted and applied by the courts.

Summary

No direct fiscal effect to the state; however, the measure could result in indeterminate state or local government costs depending on how it is interpreted and applied by the courts.

Sincerely,

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